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WHAT EDITORS ARE SAYING

NAZI STAND IN RUSSIA

The battle of Russia has developed into a slugging match of Russian attacks and German counter-attacks in which Russian valor and determination are being met by the desperation of trapped German troops fighting for their lives. It is not always too much to say that the issue of the battle has been put in the balance, for the Russian offensive has shifts in points of attack, but no slackening of momentum. The German counter-attacks, on the other hand, are also being delivered with a force and an apparent supply of reserves which again emphasize that the German army has yet been beaten. And the winding Russian front, where each bulge threatens into the German lines also creates a counter-bulge into the Russian lines, is an invitation to such counter-attacks,as the Germans well remember from the last war. For it was the last bulge driven by Ludendorff into the Allied lines at Soissons which brought forth Foch's counter-offensive that ended in the German collapse.

It may be doubted that the Germans would still entertain the ambition of trying to use Foch's strategy on the Russians, although their stubborn resistance in the huge bulge of the lower Dnieper loop suggests that such a possibility can not be ruled out entirely. What appears more likely is that their retreat from the trap within that loop has been slowed by winter weather, and that their counter-attacks are primarily designed to stave off a Russian break-through and keep their communication lines open in order to extricate their armies. In any case, they have scored one undoubted success by their recapture of Zhitomir, which is more important to them for what it averted than for what it gained them. For what it averted is no less than a Russian penetration of the entire German line south of the Pripet marshes, which would have enabled the Russians to fan out behind the German front and close the trap on the German armies to the south. The evidence is that the Russians had already punched a hole through the German front but were unable to take full advantage of it because of the dangerously narrow base of their whole Kiev wedge. As a result, the Germans were able to plug the gap by determined counter-attacks, and, encouraged by that success, they are extending the attack along the whole southern flank of that wedge. Both Russian and German reports indicate this: the German counter-offensive has not yet been stopped.

But any German counter-offensive could count on real success only if the Russian armies were at bay to exhaustion as the German armies were in 1919. And all the evidence is that it is again the German armies, not their opponents, who are approaching the exhaustion point. -From New York Times.

JAPS OFF BASE?

Four months ago a new commander-in-chief was sent to India to prepare a large-scale counter-offensive aimed at opening the Burma Road into China. It is presumed that a considerable accumulation of supplies and men has gone on for a counter-offensive. It is entirely reasonable that, having nearly ready for action in Burma to reopen the all important Burma Road, this force will be made in the South Pacific, where it is widely scattered area, aimed at spreading out Japanese air power. It would fit well into the unexcelled war theory of "divide and conquer." We have a great naval force available in the Pacific. With the elimination of the Italian navy as a war factor, British naval units are also available. If our combined sea forces can now make successful attacks at Jap bases guarding the approaches to mighty Truk, the enemy may be induced to withdraw sufficient air support from Burma to make a land campaign there successful. And the reopening of the Burma Road would aid our cause more right now than capturing Japcontrolled islands.

EUROPE'S CHILDREN

One saddest, dreariest, most heart-breaking aspect of modern war is not battle, in which the soldier has literally a fighting chance. It is among civilians in occupied areas. Old people and children suffer most, and of those two groups the children are the most sorrowful spectacle. A pamphlet of the International Labor Office, published in Washington, speaks of 40,000,000 under 15 years of age still alive in occupied Europe. Shortages of food, clothing, housing, fuel and the means of sanitation have sent up the death rate, and many of these boys and girls will die. Many who survive will never grow to their full stature or enjoy good health or be physically fit parents for another generation. Hitler's butchers will be dead, but they will leave their foul brand on every race in Europe which has felt their power.

To those who were born only to be starved and stunted must be added the children who would have been born if there had been no war. In 1940 and 1941 alone France had an excess of deaths over birth of 366,648. The deficit, aggravated by the Swedish German policy of keeping French fathers in captivity, must be greater now. Greece has lost one-twentieth of its population. The losses in Poland may be horrifyingly greater.

Some food has been sent into Greece. That system might be extended to other starving countries, though there would always be grave doubts as to German good faith in any place or at any time. Certainly UNRRA's first task should be to feed the children. They are the only future Europe has.Only if they are brought back to health and strength will the diabolical Nazi plot against European civilization be finally frustrated. -From New York Times.

DAMNED BY PRAISE

From Danville Register

The political power of a derisive phrase has been forcefully demonstrated many times, and usually to the disadvantage of Republican presidential candidates.James Gillespie Blaine missed the White House in the bitter campaign of 1884 when an over-zealous Protestant minister designated the "plumber knight's" opposition as "the party of Rum, Romanism and Rebellion." The fact that Blaine's mother was a Catholic and the candidate always had been well-disposed toward that faith was not enough to save him from the displeasure of Catholics and of Independent Republicans resenting an undeserved and indecorcet remark.

More recent was President Hoover's "two cars in every garage and a chicken in every pot." This slogan of the aims of his administration backfired into the economic chaos of the world's worst panic, better known as the late Depression. Mr. Hoover still is embarrassed by the slogan, and so are those who supported him. You can try it out on any old line GOP-ster even today, a decade later, and watch the crimson rise.

While the above examples were of "backfires," there is every reason to relieve a derisive phrase, when possessing the quality of aptness, can also block the vote to the White House. A case in point is the tag applied by Republican William Allen White to Republican Governor Bricker, first of the formal aspirants in next year's presidential sweepstakes. White called Bricker "an honest Harding," which means the Emporia publisher measures First Candidate Bricker several inches short of the specifications for White House timber. Points of comparison between Harding and Bricker include: a large physique topped by a luxurious growth of silver hair; the quality of affable mediocrity;the status of favorite son in Ohio—that 'Mother of Presidents' to which the political conventions turn during hours of indecision between men of greater accomplishments and potentialities.

Can Bricker rise above the label given by Mr. White? The next few months will reveal whether White was accurate or whether he underrated one has been rated a good governor. At the moment, it appears the only way Bricker could get the nomination of his party would ge in a "smoke-filled room," not as Harding got his.Such a nomination would be worthless, however, since the American people are in no mood to elect an insincere, dishonest or otherwise.

Famed British Home Club for Yankees

Ashburnam House Is Open to Women as Well as Men.

LONDON —In the shadow of Westminster Abbey a historic mansion, Ashburnam House, has been opened as a clubhouse for men and women of American and Dominion fighting forces who are interested in "those aspects of British civilization . . . found the cherished heritage of the English-speaking peoples."

With the prime minister as its president, the Churchill club, as it is known, has the support from Burma to all ranks, but with a limit of 2,500 persons.

Ashburnam House was built on the site of the original Priors' House, parts of which date back to the 12th century. The present building, which since 1931 has been part of Westminster school, was designed in 1690 by Inigo Jones, its noted architect, and by the end of the century served as the London home of the earls of Ashburnam. Its garden today conceals the tiled floor of the building in which parliament first met.

Many art treasures have been lent so that Ashburnam House could be refurnished in keeping with its history. There are pictures from the National Gallery collection, and a 5,000-volume library. On the practical side, the club's modern kitchens serve excellent meals for 50 cents, and a canteen dispenses American delicacies.

The club is financed by a private fund, and a contribution to Mr. Churchill is supported by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. Minister of Information Brendan Bracken and United States Ambassador John G. Winant.

Germans Use Prisoners To Send Word to Spies

LONDON. — The Germans have been using letters from British prisoners of war to communicate with their spies in England, the British censorship disclosed. The method followed was described thus:

A German camp official asks a prisoner to write innocuous family-news messages to supposed friends of the official represented to be respectable British citizens. When the letter is written it passes to the intelligence bureau which adds instructions in invisible ink and the letter goes through with the prisoner's war mail.

Spies in England have also been addressing letters to prisoners under the name which is the code for the German Secret Service bureau.

Chemicals are being used on incoming and outgoing letters to bring out secret writing.

Forecasts Five Per Cent Rise in Food for 1943

WASHINGTON. — Soaring livestock, chicken and egg production is likely to raise the 1943 output 5 per cent above last year's record and 32 per cent above the prewar average, the department of agriculture reported.

In its most optimistic statement in weeks, the bureau of agricultural economics forecast an unprecedented production of 24 billion pounds of meat.

Prospective increases in total food output, including livestock production 16 per cent above 1942 and 38 per cent above 1925-'39 averages, and the greatest poultry and egg output, it said, will more than offset a prospective 9 per cent decline in food crops from 1942.

General Answers Canteen Workers' Call for Boys

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—One Charlotte matron who works at the Morris Field Red Cross canteen is planning to take an extended course in army rank recognition.

She had kept the canteen open to feed a hungry young pilot and saw three fliers pass by on their way to the dispatcher's office. She suggested that the pilot "run and grab" those three young boys to finish up the sandwiches."

Those three boys were two colonels and a general.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for November 28

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TRUTHFULNESS AT ALL TIMES

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 20:16; 23:1, 7; Matthew 5:33-37; John 8:43-45.

GOLDEN TEXT—Wherefore putting away lying speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another—Ephesians 4:25.

God hates all kinds of dishonesty —a fact which is emphasized by the additional commandment regarding truthfulness which is before us in this lesson.

God is truth, that is, the very essence of His nature is truth. In Him is no darkness at all (I John 1:5). Lying or false witness therefore reveals a character opposite to God. Are we not surprised to find in our lesson that Satan is a liar and the father of lies, and that liars are his children.

I. The Nature of a Lie (Exod. 20:16; 23:1, 7.

The commandment against false witness brings before us one form of lying—for it has to do with perjury, that is, the telling of an untruth in court.

This is one of the worst forms of lying because it may result in the one against whom it is practiced losing his liberty, his life or his property. It may mean the destruction of his good reputation.

It is obvious, however, that the commandment covers all forms of lying, whether in business, in social contacts, in the home, or in the church. We might do well to consider what the Bible has to say about whisperers, talebearers, backbiters, and others (see Lev. 19:6; II Cor. 12:20). A man's reputation may be as easily ruined by a whispered lie over the back fence or at the luncheon table as by formal perjury in the courtroom. "Thou shalt not bear false witness" at any time, anywhere, or in any way.

The Practice of Lying (Matt. 5:33-37).

The people of our Lord's day (and who can say that this custom has stopped) were in the habit of telling lies and then trying to make others believe them by an oath.

They would swear by heaven, or the throne of God, or some other sacred thing, and thus try to enforce their false word by some sacred authority.

The liar is always under necessity of doing something—perhaps telling another lie—to cover his falsehood. When his comfort or advantage seems to be endangered because he is not believed, he brings an oath to bear upon his statement.

Jesus taught the great virtue of simple living and simple speech. A plain "yes" or "no" is usually sufficient for the situation. Qualifying words are apt to lead us astray. The life of a Christian should be so true and sincere that no oath should be needed to assure one of his sincerity and honesty.

Since not all are Christians, it is a necessity that men be placed under some kind of oath or affirmation in judicial matters. Hence we need not interpret this Scripture as forbidding an oath in court.

II. The Source of All Lies (John 8:42-45).

The devil is a liar, and the father of lies. Liars are members of his family. Jesus said it, "Ye are of your father the devil."

Liars had better consider their "family tree" and see how they like their spiritual father. He is hateful, murderous, and there is no truth in him (v. 44). If you belong to that family would you not like to change families and be born again into God's family?

Sadly enough the constant lying of the world seems to have infected the minds and hearts of Christians. Instead of being ashamed from this worldly defilement they carry its awful tendencies into the church. Is it not too true that gossip (which is almost always lying), false witness, the tearing down of someone's good name, is all too common in the church?

The great lie within the church, and one of Satan's prize exhibits, is the falsehood of modern religious liberalism (so-called) which is essentially a denial of real New Testament truth. Jesus said (v. 42) that if God is our Father we will love Him as the Christ. The one who speaks sweet words about the example, the manhood, the leadership of the Master and who denies Him His place as God is clearly in mind here as a follower of the father of lies.

Note that in verses 45-47 Jesus challenges His enemies to convict Him of sin or of falsehood. No one has ever been able to meet that challenge.

The claims he made for Himself as the Son of God and the Saviour of the world are plain and unmistakable. If we deny them we either make Jesus a liar, or we lie ourselves, and it is obvious that the latter is the case.

COLORED DOTS

Nov. 18.- A large crowd attended the regular preaching service at First Baptist Church. The pastor, Rev. N. R. Jordan preached a very helpful sermon.

Plans are in the making for a county-wide meeting of the Health for Victory Club to be held at Appomattox around the fifteenth of December. Members of the Negro Organization Society of Virginia will be the guests of honor. Complete arrangements will be announced later in this column.

The Farm Machinery Repair shop course will be conducted at Carver high school every Tuesday and Thursday night from 8 to 11 o'clock. All members and interested men of the community are invited to enroll.

Funeral services were conducted at the Chestnut Grove Baptist church for the remains of Mrs. Maria Wheeler Reed, a former resident of the Chestnut Grove community. The pastor Rev. E. W. Price officiated.

Mrs. Mattie Great Wood, teacher at the Spout Spring school fell last Thursday morning and broke her leg and fractured her arm. She is reported doing nicely at her home since Sixteenth street.

Mrs. Mildred Delaney spent the week-end at her aunt's home in Lynchburg.

J. A. Hamlet is spending some time here with his family.

Leroy Jones, of the U. S. Navy, spent several da s here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones of Rouse Two.

Miss Hamlet, of the U. S. Navy spent the week-end here with his sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hamlet and Mrs. Ada Jenkins.

T. Cpl. Joseph Robinson, of the U. S. Army is spending a furlough with his parents at Pamplin.

Miss Mattie Hicks is teaching in Mrs. Mattie Trent West's position at Snout Spring.

Professor C. A. Pennington attended the teachers meeting in Richmond last Thursday.

Mrs. Mozella Price represented the Appomattox County Teachers at the Negro Organization Society in Suffolk last week.

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Yanks Build Big Base in Jungle

Changes Wrought on Pacific Islands by Engineers Are Unbelievable.

HEADQUARTERS, U. S. SOUTH PACIFIC FORCES.—Jungle islands of the Pacific are being transformed by American engineering genius, backed by the courage, hard work and efficiency of the navy's volunteer construction battalions — the Seabees—and the army engineers, into big bases to support continued blows against Japan.

There are a number of American bases in the Solomons which less than a year ago were disputed tropical islands. The Seabees and engineers, often working under air attack and within range of front-line fire, have done an unprecedented job in construction of these bases.

On New Georgia Seabee outfits and engineers, operating with bulldozers, tractors, caterpillars and other modern road equipment, move into the mud and jungle to build roads and installations long before the positions were secured by the fighting forces and despite heavy Jap air attacks.

Airfield Ready in 19 Days.

American methods offer a striking contrast to those used by the Japanese. In the year that the enemy occupied New Georgia, they did little actual construction work with the exception of heavy log-and-coral pillboxes and Munda airfield, which appeared to have been largely a native job hand. Where the Americans now are building roads to accommodate heavy trucks the Japs had only jungle trails.

Ten days after American forces landed at Segi, on the southern end of New Georgia, in the opening phases of the campaign, a plane made an emergency landing on an airfield construction job by Seabees. Nineteen days after the occupation the field was ready for operational use.

Shell and bomb-ravaged Munda airfield was in operation on the eighth day after its capture, although the Japs had been unable to operate from it for several months. While fighters and cargo planes use the field constantly, Seabees are at work lengthening and improving it.

The installation built in the Russell islands was constructed under fairly favorable conditions after an unopposed occupation. It is a field which many American marine fliers would be glad to have, although it was carved out of a coconut plantation with equipment brought thousands of miles across the Pacific.

Changes Unbelievable.

Guadalcanal is almost unbelievable, even in the eyes of those who have seen other large military bases. Less than a year ago, Guadalcanal was a tropical island of jungles and coconut plantations, with a partly completed Jap airfield over which a bitter, bloody battle was being waged. Today it is a teeming beehive of military activity—an advance base for the support of air, naval and amphibious operations.

The field which the Japs had started when American marines poured ashore on August 7, 1942, was being operated by the Americans within a few weeks. Today the traffic in heavy, medium and light bombers, fighters, observation and cargo planes operating from Henderson field probably is greater than is handled by any commercial airfield in the United States. In addition to actual construction of a field of sufficient proportions, this traffic requires large maintenance crews, shops and huge supplies of munitions and aviation gasoline.

Navy Gets New Bomber To Battle Submarines

WASHINGTON.—Another type of land-based bomber equipped with a potent new weapon soon will join the navy's war against the submarine, it was learned.

The plane is the North American Mitchell medium bomber, which will bear the navy designation PBJ. Its special anti-submarine armament will remain a secret until it goes into action.

This will be the third land-based multi-egined plane adapted to navy use. The others are the Vega Ventura and the PB4Y.

The PB4Y, an adaptation of the Liberator, is being used by the navy primarily as a high-speed, long-range patrol bomber. The plane has been stripped of much weight in armor in order to provide increased range.

The navy is eager to increase its fleet of four-engined land-based aircraft, particularly because of the tremendous distances which must be covered in Pacific patrols. Recently, Undersecretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal said the navy needs more of these craft.

German Who Sank Ark Royal Now Prisoner

WASHINGTON. — The German U-boat commander who was decorated by his government for sinking the British aircraft carrier Ark Royal has been taken prisoner.

The prisoner, Kap.-Lt. Freidrich Guggenberger, was taken when his submarine was sunk recently by a U. S. navy Martin Mariner patrol bomber off Brazil.

Plan Recreation For War Workers

Keep Them Happy to Insure No Letup in Output.

WASHINGTON.—Some war workers prefer their recreation in Turkish baths, others in roller skating and cooking.

Their tastes are about as varied as their jobs, but they all have but one thing in common.

All want to have some fun in their leisure time.

Lack of recreation for war workers is a threat to production, according to the recreation division of the Federal Security agency, which has compiled a report of actual experiences of communities in providing recreation for men and women of assembly lines.

To solve the problem of keeping war workers happy on the job, one midwestern community established a "dawn patrol" recreation center for workers coming off at midnight. Until 3 a. m., the 400 workers play tennis, darts, dance, read, visit, take showers, eat doughnuts and drink coffee.

It keeps them happy and cuts down on accidents, which, the FSA says, are caused by fatigue and tenseness.

Community recreation programs are now providing the tonic of preparing a meal in a real kitchen for girls away from home; waffle parties and suppers in churches for the patriotic English and Spanish lessons for border-plant workers; and music.

To give adults an opportunity to seek their own fun, community recreation groups, the FSA reports, have established varied means of caring for children both during the day and at night.

For these war recreation programs, communities are utilizing "white elephant" mansions, parks, auditoriums, schools, gymnasiums.

Membership restrictions are relaxing in once private and exclusive clubs, and even golf, tennis and high school students are being utilized along with their teachers and mothers as a reservoir of volunteer aid.

Boss Bets Life on Each Plane His Men Repair

KODIAK, ALASKA.—The assembly and repair officer in charge of the navy's fine new $7,500,000 air-craft shops here bets his life that every job turned out by his men is right.

Commander John L. Ewing is the officer, and his bet on his enlisted craftsmanship is placed by the simple method of making the first test-hop himself in every repaired aircraft turned out of the shops. Ewing makes the flight alone and whenever possible, otherwise with a skeleton crew and always with himself at the controls.

The commander, a Pennsylvanian, whose wife is now living in Jamaica Plains, Mass., modestly passes the credit for the perfection of his organization and of the shops' output onto his men.

"Well," a grinning petty officer said, "since the old man insists on flying these kinks himself first, we can't let him down. He might fall right through the roof here and then how could we guys explain that to the station?

"Anyhow, the naval academy thought he was some shucks as an aeronautical engineer and sent him to M.I.T. as a postgraduate. We haven't got many officers with all that education, see, so we figure to keep this one flying."

Camp Grant's Busiest Barber Has Hazel Eyes

CAMP GRANT, ILL.—Busiest barber at the 30th battalion shop has brown hair, hazel eyes, a southern accent and a diploma from a college specializing in the mechanics and arts of the tonsorial trade.

She's Mrs. Maryne Kleber, Alexandria, La., wife of Sergt. Alviron J. Kleber of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., when Sergeant Kleber was transferred to Camp Grant his wife came along. Before he had time to unpack his barracks bags his wife had a job in the barbershop.

Hitler Effigy Awarded To Sloppy War Workers

NEW CUMBERLAND, PA.—"Hitler's Headquarters" has been set up at the huge army service forces depot here.

The army announced a life-size plastic effigy of the Nazi fuehrer would be moved from week to week to the department with the largest number of accidents among civilian employees.

Workers held responsible for accidents will receive "congratulations" from "enemy headquarters" for helping slow the movement of supplies to the armed forces.

British Squadron Hits 7 Axis Vessels in Year

LONDON.—The air ministry news service announced that in 12 months a single Albacore squadron of the fleet air arm had sunk or damaged more than seven Axis vessels—mostly fast, small craft—by night bombing over the English channel.

The success of the attacks, frequently carried out despite fierce antiaircraft fire, was attributed to [illegible] last year in the wilds of Scotland.

Beryllium Ore Mountain a Myth

Scientific Tests Disprove the Elaborate Claims for Oregon Deposits.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is part of an analysis written by Dr. Paul H. Brinton for The Mining Journal, and is reprinted by permission from that publication.)

Recently a release to the press and radio stated that the discovery of a large deposit of rich beryllium ore in Oregon would supply all of the country's requirement of beryllium for the next hundred years. Unfortunately, this release seemed to come from a semi-official source, so the report gained wide credence, and there was evidence that a directly deterrent effect was exercised on some who had fair prospects of developing beryl in a reasonable, small way—a method of production which is being earnestly encouraged by those in our government whose province it is to increase our domestic supply of much-needed beryllium ore.

The difficulties in the exact analysis of beryllium ores are recognized by experienced chemists, and it is interesting to note that none of the high percentages of beryllium oxide in these Oregon samples had been reported by chemists whose trainins and experience would have specially fitted them for this type of analysis. It was stated locally that the beryllium in this ore would not yield to ordinary methods of analysis, but that a special method had been developed in a local assay office which would show it.

A matter also worthy of note is the opinion locally held that the spectrographic test for beryllium is not effective. This was used to explain the fact that all samples of the Jackson County tuff submitted to experienced spectrographers had failed to show any beryllium content.

Now, however difficult may be the exact determination of the percentage of beryllium in an ore, it is a happy fact that beryllium is one of the easiest elements to identify qualitatively by means of the spectrograph.

In order to approach the question from another angle it was decided to offer as argument, not what was not in the Jackson County ore, but rather what was in it. A composite sample of material was taken from five cuts on the property, representing the green and the bluish-green tuff in both its harder and its more clay-like consistencies. This sample included only material which resembled most closely samples which had been submitted to me by an authorized representative of the owners.

The analysis showed the following percentages:

Silica (SiO_2)	61.84
Titanium oxide (TiO_2)	0.81
Aluminum oxide (Al_2O_3)	13.52
Ferric oxide (Fe_2O_3)	3.44
Ferrous oxide (FeO)	1.09
Manganese oxide (MnO)	0.11
Calcium oxide (CaO)	3.71
Magnesium oxide (MgO)	1.23
Strontium oxide (SrO)	0.12
Potassium oxide (K_2O)	2.23
Sodium oxide (Na_2O)	1.82
Water below 110°C. (H_2O-)	3.65
Water above 110°C. (H_2O+)	6.32
Phosphorus pentoxide (P_2O_5)	0.14
Chlorine (Cl)	0.03
Sulphur (S)	0.01
Vanadium trioxide (V_2O_3)	0.002
	100.07

Clearly, there is no room for from 6 to 32 per cent of beryllium oxide in this ore.

In addition to the purely chemical analyses so far discussed, the spectrographic test for beryllium was used six other types of material from the property. In none was ber[illegible]n found.

In summarizing, it may be said that careful investigation by analytical method of the most approved type has failed to show the presence of beryllium in practically significant amounts in the so-called beryllium ores of Jackson County, Oregon.

Where's Fire? Stumps Driver of Fire Truck

FISHKILL, N. Y.—Francis Poutre, chauffeur for the Mack Fire Engine company, of Allentown, Pa., was stumped by State Trooper Robert N. Ward, who stopped him on the Albany Post road and asked: "Where's the fire?" Mr. Poutre, who was delivering a shiny, new fire engine to Hudson Falls, N. Y., admitted he wasn't going to a fire. Justice of the Peace Charles Warren fined Poutre $15 and let him go his way at a reduced speed after Trooper Ward said that Mr. Poutre was speeding, siren wide open, forcing other vehicles to the roadside.

Germans Develop New Plane, British Reveal

LONDON.—The Germans have developed a new plane, the Messerschmitt 109G, designed to fly at high levels, the British government has just announced. The first aircraft of the type was shot down over England recently. It came over the channel to make reconnaissance photos and was escorted by two other German planes.

DR. R. L. HAMLETT DIES AT PAMPLIN

Dr. R. L. Hamlett, retired dentist, was found dead at his home at Pamplin yesterday morning. He is survived by one son, John Hamlett, of Portsmouth, and a brother, Dr. John H. Hamlett, of Phenix. Funeral services will be held Friday at 3 P. M.

GARDENERS TO GET BETTER FERTILIZER

Blacksburg, Nov. 24.- Virginia's victory gardeners will have a much improved fertilizer to use in 1944, according to the War Food Administration.

A special grade of fertilizer adapted for Atlantic coast and eastern state, 5-10-5, will be available in the state. Only one grade, 5-9-7, was available for the entire country last year, and it contained only 19 plant food units. The new fertilier contains 20 units.

Victory gardeners also will be able to purchase small quantities of nitrate of soda, ammonium nitrate and superphosphate to supplement the mixed fertilizer, where they are needed.

The 1943 victory garden fertilizer went a long way toward providing nutritious vegetables into the cellar.

Expect rise in cost of coal due to recent wage increases.

December court term to convene here Wednesday.

Mail your Christmas packages early this year.

Navy reports sinking of four Jap destroyers.

Capital of Bulgaria raided by air and RAF hits Toulon.

AMERICAN HEROES

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Corporal Walter Bodi's squad was spying out Jap positions in the Pacific. We needed information badly. The squad got it, but was cut off from our lines. Using handkerchiefs tied to bayonets, Marine Corporal Bodi wigwagged the information back. He lost an eye, sustained other wounds from furious enemy fire, but his message was urgent. He stuck and got it through, winning the Navy Cross. Weapons are urgent too, and your War Bonds buy them.

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'All Out' Family

With ten in the family in service, the Van Coutrens must spend all their leisure time writing letters. Pfc. Rita van Coutren, a WAC stationed at Rolling Field, Washington, D. C., gazes at pictures of her nine brothers and sisters in uniform as she takes her pen in hand.

• In Her Father's Footsteps •

JADWIGA PILSUDSKA, daughter of Poland's famed liberator, Marshal Jozef Pilsudski, prepares to ferry a fighter plane to an advanced R.A.F. base. She is the youngest member of the Polish girls unit now working in Eagleson with the Air Transport Auxiliary.